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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS) EG, US
SUBJECT: SECRETARY/SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE

1. ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE FROM TRANSCRIPT OF SECRETARY'S
AND PRESIDENT SADAT'S JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING
THEIR DISCUSSION EVENING OF AUGUST 2 (SEPTEL) THAT SADAT
REFERRED TO SUGGESTION HE INITIALLY MADE DURING SECRETARY'S
FEBRUARY VISIT THAT A WORKING GROUP OF THE PARTIES SHOULD
BE ESTABLISHED BY SECRETARY VANCE TO WORK ON PREPARATIONS FOR
GENEVA CONFERENCE. SECRETARY WELCOMED SADAT'S SUGGESTION
AND INDICATED SUCH A WORKING GROUP COULD MEET IN US, IN
WASHINGTON, OR IN NEW YORK ABOUT MID-SEPTEMBER. PRESS ZEROED
IN ON THIS SUBJECT AND IT WILL LIKELY BE FEATURED IN MEDIA
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REPORTS, POSSIBLY WITH IMPLICATION THAT DECISION TO ESTABLISH WORKING
GROUP HAS BEEN MADE AND THAT THIS IS RESULT OF EXPECTED
IMPASSE/IN RECONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CONVEY
FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL OF
HOST GOVERNMENT. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT LATER IN PRESS

CONFERENCE SECRETARY MADE THE POINT THAT HE WOULD BE
DISCUSSING WORKING GROUP IDEA WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS
HE WILL BE VISITING ON THIS TRIP. WE FIND SADAT
SUGGESTION AN INTERESTING ONE BUT WILL OF COURSE WANT TO
HEAR VIEWS OF ALL GENEVA PARTIES BEFORE REACHING ANY FINAL
CONCLUSIONS. WE HAVE SAID RIGHT ALONG THAT FURTHER
CONSULTATIONS WILL BE NECESSARY FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S PRESENT
TRIP AS PART OF CONTINUING PROCESS OF SEEKING AGREED GENEVA
FRAMEWORK. MID-SEPTEMBER DATE WAS MENTIONED BY THE SECRETARY
BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO OPENING OF UN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND THEREFORE ITS CONVENIENCE FOR FOREIGN
MINISTERS CONCERNED. HE HAD MENTIONED SIMILAR SUGGESTION AT
HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY BEFORE DEPARTURE. WHILE
THERE WERE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FROM PRESS ABOUT
STRUCTURE PARTICIPATION AND PURPOSE OF WORKING GROUP, YOU
SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THESE ARE ALL SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION
ON WHICH WE HAVE REACHED NO CONCLUSIONS AND ON WHICH WE WOULD
LIKE TO HEAR VIEWS OF OTHERS, IF THE GENERAL IDEA SHOULD
COMMEND ITSELF TO THEM. VANCE

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